



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: June 24, 2003
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barb Johnson, Chair Ways & Means Committee
Subject: **Hiawatha LRT – Agreement with Metropolitan Council for the installation of traffic signals at the 38th Street and 46th Street LRT Stations to be paid for by the Metropolitan Council.**

Recommendation:

1. Authorize the proper City Officers to execute an agreement with the Metropolitan Council for the design and construction of traffic signals at the entrances to the 38th Street and 46th Street LRT Stations to be paid for by the Metropolitan Council.
2. Amend the 2003 Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution for the PW – Transportation Capital Agency in the Permanent Improvement Fund (4100-943-9440) by \$268,000 and increasing revenue source 3755 (4100-943-9440) by \$268,000 to be reimbursed by MetroTransit.

Previous Directives: None

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☐ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

- ☒ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
☒ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

☒ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

MetroTransit has identified operational concerns at the 38th Street and 46th Street LRT Stations regarding the ability of the buses to get in and out of the stations safely and on schedule once LRT is operational. In order to address these concerns, MetroTransit has agreed to pay for the

installation of traffic signals at the entrances into the 38th Street and 46th Street LRT Stations (located at 30th Avenue and 36th Avenue, respectively). The new traffic signals will allow buses and autos to enter and exit the LRT station more safely. The signals will be interconnected to the traffic signals at adjacent intersections to maximize the efficiency of traffic operations. The City will assume all operating and maintenance costs related to these signals (approximately \$2,000/year per intersection).

City forces will design and construct the traffic signals at the specified intersections. Both signal systems will be in operation prior to the beginning of LRT operation in April 2004. The cost of this work has been estimated to be \$268,000. The 38th Street signal will be installed in conjunction with the 38th Street reconstruction project, during the summer of 2003.

Therefore, our recommendation is that the proper City Officials be authorized to execute an agreement with the Metropolitan Council to allow design and construction of traffic signal systems for the 38th Street and 46th Street LRT station intersections by City Staff with reimbursement for the City's cost of this work by the Metropolitan Council; and the amendment of the 2003 Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution for the PW – Transportation Capital Agency in the Permanent Improvement Fund (4100-943-9440) by \$268,000 and increasing revenue source 3755 (4100-943-9440) by \$268,000 to be reimbursed by MetroTransit.

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TPW – Your Committee recommends:

1. Authorizing the proper City Officers to execute an agreement with the Metropolitan Council for the design and construction of traffic signals at the entrances to the 38th Street and 46th Street LRT Stations to be paid for by the Metropolitan Council
2. Passage of a resolution Amending the 2003 Capital Improvement appropriation resolution for the PW – Transportation Capital Agency in the Permanent Improvement Fund (4100-943-9440) by \$268,000 and increasing revenue source 3755 (4100-943-9440) by \$268,000 to be reimbursed by MetroTransit.